

AMENDED CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) A method for removing liquids such as plasticizers and oils concentrated in areas contiguous to the outer surface of a coverstock of a bowling ball, said method including the steps of:

formulating a dry plasticizer absorbent material which absorbs plasticizers, oils and other liquids found in the coverstocks of bowling balls,

applying said plasticizer absorbent material to said outer surface of said coverstock,

allowing said applied plasticizer absorbent material to remain in contact with said outer surface of said coverstock for a defined time period, and

removing said plasticizer absorbent material and the extracted plasticizers, oils and other liquids from said coverstock.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which said plasticizer absorbent material is formulated by combining fine soft pine wood dust, silica gel and sphagnum peat moss into a mixture.

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 in which said plasticizer absorbent material is applied to said outer surface of said coverstock by placing said plasticizer absorbent material against said outer surface of said coverstock.

4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 in which said applied plasticizer absorbent material is allowed to remain in contact with said outer surface of said coverstock for a time period of up to 24 hours.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 in which said plasticizer absorbent material is formulated by combining silica gel and sphagnum peat moss.

6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 in which said plasticizer absorbent material is formulated by combining silica gel and fine soft pine wood dust.

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 in which said plasticizer absorbent material is formulated by combining fine soft pine wood dust and sphagnum peat moss.

8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 in which said plasticizer absorbent material is silica gel.

9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 in which said plasticizer absorbent material is sphagnum peat moss.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 in which said plasticizer absorbent material is fine soft pine wood dust.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 in which said plasticizer absorbent material is microfiber material.

12. (Withdrawn) 12. A plasticizer absorbent material including one or more of the following:

- (a) fine soft pine wood dust;
- (b) silica gel;
- (c) sphagnum peat moss.

13. (Previously presented) A method for removing liquids such as plasticizers and oils concentrated in areas contiguous to the outer surface of a coverstock of a bowling ball, said method including the steps of:

formulating a plasticizer absorbent material comprising silica gel which absorbs plasticizers, oils and other liquids found in the coverstocks of bowling balls,

applying said plasticizer absorbent material to said outer surface of said coverstock,

allowing said applied plasticizer absorbent material to remain in contact with said outer surface of said coverstock for a defined time period, and

removing said plasticizer absorbent material and the extracted plasticizers, oils and other liquids from said coverstock.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13 in which said plasticizer absorbent material is formulated by combining fine soft pine wood dust, sphagnum peat moss and said silica gel into a mixture.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13 in which said plasticizer absorbent material is applied to said outer surface of said coverstock by placing said plasticizer absorbent material against said outer surface of said coverstock.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13 in which said plasticizer absorbent material is allowed to remain in contact with said outer surface of said coverstock for a time period of up to 24 hours.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13 in which said plasticizer absorbent material is formulated by combining sphagnum peat moss with said silica gel.

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13 in which said plasticizer absorbent material is formulated by combining fine soft pine wood dust with said silica gel.

19. (Previously presented) A method for removing liquids such as plasticizers and oils concentrated in areas contiguous to the outer surface of a coverstock of a bowling ball, said method including the steps of:

formulating a plasticizer absorbent material comprising sphagnum peat moss which absorbs plasticizers, oils and other liquids found in the coverstocks of bowling balls,

applying said plasticizer absorbent material to said outer surface of said coverstock,

allowing said applied plasticizer absorbent material to remain in contact with said outer surface of said coverstock for a defined time period, and

removing said plasticizer absorbent material and the extracted plasticizers, oils and other liquids from said coverstock.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19 in which said plasticizer absorbent material is applied to said outer surface of said coverstock by placing said plasticizer absorbent material against said outer surface of said coverstock.

22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19 in which said plasticizer absorbent material is allowed to remain in contact with said outer surface of said coverstock for a time period of up to 24 hours.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19 in which said plasticizer absorbent material is formulated by combining fine soft pine wood dust with said sphagnum peat moss.

25. (Previously presented) A method for removing liquids such as plasticizers and oils concentrated in areas contiguous to the outer surface of a coverstock of a bowling ball, said method including the steps of:

formulating a plasticizer absorbent material comprising fine soft pine wood dust which absorbs plasticizers, oils and other liquids found in the coverstocks of bowling balls,

applying said plasticizer absorbent material to said outer surface of said coverstock,

allowing said applied plasticizer absorbent material to remain in contact with said outer surface of said coverstock for a defined time period, and

removing said plasticizer absorbent material and the extracted plasticizers, oils and other liquids from said coverstock.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25 in which said plasticizer absorbent material is applied to said outer surface of said coverstock by placing said plasticizer absorbent material against said outer surface of said coverstock.

28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25 in which said plasticizer absorbent material is allowed to remain in contact with said outer surface of said coverstock for a time period of up to 24 hours.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Canceled)